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### Am ndm nts to the Specification

#### In the Abstract:

Methods of producing a laminated package with an opening which is sealed by a tear-off strip or a pouring element as well as a corresponding laminated package are described. To be able to produce a laminated package with such a closure inexpensively, the following steps are provided in the method according to this invention:

- B<sup>1</sup>
- punching out an opening (22) in a packaging material (4),
  - coating the packaging material (4) at least in the area of the opening (22),
  - creating a package sheathing (5) from the coated packaging material,
  - conveying the package sheathing to a filling machine (6) or to an equipment unit (9') from the filling machine (6), and
  - attaching a tear-open strip (24) to the opening (22) in the package sheathing (5) in the filling machine (6) or in the equipment unit (9') upstream from the filling machine (6).

~~Figure 4 is intended for the abstract.~~

#### In the Specification:

A marked up section of the Specification is presented to show the changes made relative to the immediate prior version. This section is the first two lines of text from page 9 of the disclosure:

B<sup>2</sup> "...24 is pulled off from a supply roll 25 and supplied to the application station through supply ~~rolls~~ rollers 26 which are..."